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SUBJECT: RHODESIA: ZAPU SHOWS ITS HEAD

1. FOR THE FIRST TIME SINCE ITS RELEASE FROM ITS FOURTEEN
YEAR BAN (CAPE TOWN 884), ZAPU HELD A PUBLIC RALLY AND ONE OF ITS
PRIMARY INTERNAL LEADERS SPOKE ABOUT ITS POLICY OVER THE
WEEKEND OF MAY 27. FIRST OF ALL, ON MAY 27, ABOUT 50,000 ZAPU
SUPPORTERS GATHERED IN A BULAWAYO FOOTBALL STADIUM TO HEAR
SEVERAL
LEADERS, INCLUDING VICE PRESIDENT JOSIAH CHINAMANO. THE LARGE
CHANTING CROWD, REPORTEDLY HEARD CHINAMANO URGE SMITH TO JOIN
AN ALL-PARTY CONFERENCE BECAUSE HE IS " UNABLE TO STOP THE WAR"
AND STATE THAT NKOMO WILL NOT JOIN A " TAILORMADE STRUCTURE (WHICH W
ILL)

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PREJUDICE HIM". PRESS ACCOUNTS SAID THAT ZAPU SUPPORTERS JOGGED
THROUGH BULAWAYO, WHICH IS A KNOWN ZAPU AND MATABELE STRONGHOLD,
CARRYING A COFFIN WITH SLOGANS READING " SALISBURY AGREEMENT--
REST IN PEACE".

2. IN A SUBSEQUENT PRESS INTERVIEW, CHINAMANO SAID THAT NKOMO WANTS TO END THE WAR BUT THAT ONLY SMITH, NKOMO AND MUGABE COULD DO IT. AN AL-PARTIES CONFERENCE, HE SAID, WOULD "ALMOST CERTAINLY" BENEFIT RHODESIA AND THERE WOULD BE ENOUGH COMMON GROUND TO REACH A SETTLEMENT. CHINAMANO SAID NKOMO WOULD NOT COME INTO A GOVERNMENT WHICH HE HAD PLAYED NO PART IN CREATING, BUT SHOULD HE JOIN AN INTERIM GOVERNMENT, HE COULD END THE WAR IN TWO WEEKS. ON SMITH'S ANNOUNCED RESIGNATION (PRETORIA 3045), CHINAMANO SAID IF SMITH LEFT AND THE "MINORITY RF STRUCTURE" REMAINS THEN "WE WILL CONTINUE TO PRESS FOR CHANGE". ZAPU, HE SAID, HAS NOTHING AGAINST SAFEGUARDS FOR WHITES DEPENDING "ON THE TYPE OF SAFEGUARD BEING SOUGHT."
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